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SUBJECT: FRG FOREIGN OFFICE IO DIRECTOR REDIES CALLS ON
IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY DESIGNATE MAYNES

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1. SUMMARY: FRG FOREIGN OFFICE IO DIRECTOR, DR. REDIES,
MET WITH ASST. SEC. DESIGNATE MAYNES ON FEB. 24 AND DEP.
ASST. SEC. BAKER ON FEB. 25. VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED ON
SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, HUMAN RIGHTS, ILLICIT PAYMENTS,
ILO, MIDDLE EAST (COVERED SEPTTEL), KOREA, AND CYPRUS.
MAYNES AND BAKER NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THE CLOSE CO-
OPERATION AT 31ST UNGA BETWEEN US AND FRG AND US AND

EC-9. REDIES STATED FRG PLEASED WITH INCREASED US/FRG COORDINATION AND, AS SC MEMBER, LOOKED FORWARD TO CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH US. HE EXPLAINED THAT IN MANY CASES EC-9 LOOKED FOR TIMELY US GUIDANCE AND URGED US TO INCREASE INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURE AT UN. END SUMMARY.

2. SOUTHERN AFRICA:

A. RHODESIA - IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY REDIES, MAYNES EXPLAINED THAT US SUPPORTED SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, CITING THE CLOSING OF THE RHODESIAN AIRWAYS

TICKET OFFICE IN NEW YORK. HE COMMENTED THAT THE SANCTIONS REQUESTED BY AFRICANS CALLING FOR THE CUTTING OF TELEGRAPHIC AND OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS RAISED PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL STUDY.

B. SOUTH AFRICA AND APARTHEID - REDIES STATED THAT THE FRG IS WILLING TO SUPPORT A CHAPTER VII FINDING AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA FOR ITS APARTHEID POLICIES PROVIDED US SUPPORTS SUCH A MOVE. THE FRG WOULD HAVE TO ABSTAIN IF THE US, UK AND FRANCE OPPOSED A CHAPTER VII DETERMINATION. REDIES REQUESTED THAT US CONSULT WITH THE FRG ON THIS ISSUE SINCE IT INVOLVED CABINET LEVEL DECISIONS.

C. NAMIBIA - REDIES INDICATED FRG WOULD BE WILLING TO SUPPORT A CHAPTER VII FINDING ON NAMIBIA AND AN ARMS CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBARGO IF SUCH A COURSE WERE FOLLOWED BY THE US. BAKER INDICATED THAT THIS WAS UNDER CURRENT EXAMINATION NOTING THAT THE STRONGEST CASE FOR MOVING TO CHAPTER VII WAS ON THE NAMIBIA ISSUE, AND THAT THE FINDING AND THE ARMS EMBARGO WAS LESS OF A PROBLEM THAN THE PROBABLE SUBSEQUENT CHAPTER VII PROPOSALS FOR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. REDIES ASKED IF THE US PLANNED ANY INITIATIVES ON NAMIBIA OUTSIDE OF THE SC. BAKER OUTLINED THE US "BROKER" ROLE, EXPLAINING THE PROBLEMS THAT ARISE WITH THE SWAPO POSITION OF NOT BEING WILLING TO MEET WITH OTHER AFRICAN ELEMENTS.

D. MAPUTO MEETING - REDIES ASKED IF US PLANNED TO ATTEND THE MAPUTO DECOLONIZATION CONFERENCE ON NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE. BAKER REPLIED THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY KEEP OUR OPTIONS OPEN UNTIL APRIL. MAPUTO MEETING COULD WELL PRODUCE STRONG CALL FOR ACHIEVING MAJORITY RULE BY VIOLENT MEANS, AN APPROACH WHICH WOULD BE DAMAGING IF NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY.

3. ILLICIT PAYMENTS: MAYNES/BAKER EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE PLACED BY THE US ON THE ILLICIT PAYMENTS ISSUE AND STRESSED OUR INTENTION TO PURSUE THE US INITIATIVE DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM. HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT THE FRG COULD CHANGE ITS RELATIVELY RESERVED POSITION AND SUPPORT THE US PROPOSAL FOR THE PREPARATION OF A DRAFT CONVENTION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE 63RD (SUMMER) ECOSOC, AND THAT THE FRG DELEGATION TO THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP SESSION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS WOULD COME PREPARED TO DISCUSS A DRAFT TEXT. IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT WE WERE OPEN TO THE VIEWS OF THE FRG ON THE SUBJECT.

REDIES STATED HE WOULD BRING THE US INTEREST TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ECONOMIC OFFICE OF THE FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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4. KOREA: REDIES STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY MOVES THAT THE NORTH KOREANS MIGHT HAVE IN MIND TO BRING THE KOREAN PROBLEM BEFORE THE 32ND UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BAKER CONCURRED, NOTING HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD IN ANY WAY CHANGED THEIR LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES. BAKER AND REDIES AGREED THAT THE KOREAN CORE GROUP EXPERIENCE LAST YEAR WAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT PREPARATORY WORK AND COORDINATION CAN DO TO RESOLVE A DIFFICULT PROBLEM AND AGREED IT SHOULD BE REACTIVATED IF NORTH KOREANS MOUNT A NEW DRIVE.

5. CYPRUS: REDIES, CITING THE MARKARIOS/DENKTASH MEETINGS AND THE PROCEDURES THAT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR FURTHER TALKS, FELT THAT PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE. BAKER CITED US DESIRES TO SUPPORT SYG WALDHEIM'S EFFORTS THRU CLIFFORD MISSION.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS: MAYNES/BAKER NOTED PROMINENCE PLACED BY ADMINISTRATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, EXPLAINING THAT, ALTHOUGH US DID NOT PLAN TO USE HUMAN RIGHTS AS A POLITICAL TOOL, US WOULD SPEAK OUT WHENEVER IT BELIEVES IT CAN EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS IN HRC CONTEXT. REDIES STATED FRG INTENDED TO WORK WITH US TO DEFEND AND STRENGTHEN 1503 PROCEDURES.

7. ILO: REDIES EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THE US ILO POSITION REMAINED UNCHANGED AND URGED THE US TO SEEK A COMPROMISE SOLUTION. MAYNES REVIEWED US POSITION, EMPHASIZING THAT US CANNOT PARTICIPATE

EFFECTIVELY IN ILO WITHOUT SUPPORT OF US LABOR MOVEMENT. HE STATED THAT WHILE US DOES NOT WANT TO LEAVE ILO, WE ARE PREPARED TO DO SO SHOULD REFORMS NOT TAKE PLACE.

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8. ATMOSPHERE OF EXCHANGES, WHICH CONTINUED OVER LUNCHEON FOR IO AND NEA OFFICIALS BY GERMAN COUNSELOR, WAS EXCELLENT AND REDIES APPEARED PLEASED WITH U.S. SATISFACTION WITH CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH FRG IN UNGA, SC, UNESCO, AND OTHER FORA. REDIES DID NOT FAIL TO HIT HIS USUAL THEME OF NEED FOR MORE LEAD TIME ON INDICATIONS OF U.S. POSITIONS.
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